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1. Plans for the consolidation of Guatemala's three labor unions--the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Guatemala (CTG), the Federacion Sindical de Guatemala (FSG), and the Federacion Regional de Trabajadores de Guatemala (FRTG)--into one organization met with little success at a labor congress in Guatemala City held from [REDACTED]. The congress was under the sponsorship of the Comité Nacional de Unidad Sindical (CNUS), whose secretary general is Manuel Pinto Usaga.
2. In spite of the hopes of Pinto Usaga and Victor Manuel Gutierrez, Secretary General of the CTG, to achieve unification of the labor groups, source stated that unification was not effected at this congress because of opposition from the FRTG, the Sindicato de Accion y Mejoramiento Ferrocarrilero (SAMF--an affiliate of the FSG), and three or four other unidentified unions.
3. [REDACTED] the stated reason of the delegates from these unions for opposing unification was their opposition to international affiliations, whereas the CNUS and the CTG intended that the new parent labor organization be affiliated with the CTAL and the World Federation of Trade Unions, to which the CTG now belongs. Source stated that the actual reason for opposition to unification, however, is that opposing unions realize the pro-Communist sympathies of the CTG and the CNUS and do not wish to be associated with these organizations.
4. [REDACTED] those sponsoring unification argued for international affiliations on the grounds that such affiliations are necessary because most of the large enterprises in Guatemala for which organized labor works are owned by foreign capital and because Guatemalan unions which have no foreign affiliations cannot expect to deal with these enterprises.
5. Present at the congress were, among others, Armando Flores Amador, Secretary General of the Confederation of Workers of Nicaragua, and Rodolfo Guzman, Secretary General of the Confederation of Workers of Costa Rica. Guzman more specifically represented the CTAL.
6. Although the congress adjourned without achieving unification, it was agreed that another congress would be held on 20 October 1949 for the same purpose.

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~~Comment.~~ The congress was a success only for the Communists and fellow-travelers in that it gave them a good opportunity to further their propaganda campaign against the United States. Since they dominated the leadership of the congress, they did not fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

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